

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application.  
Claims 11-20 have been added.

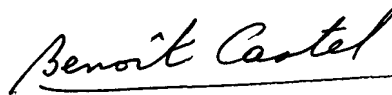
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.  
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact OSRAM SYLVANIA at (978) 777-1900.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows:

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[Figure 1]

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The supply circuit as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], which is a power factor correction circuit (L1, L2, C1, D1, T1) for the harmonic-limited extraction of a D.C. voltage from an A.C. power system.

6. (Amended) The supply circuit as claimed in claim 2 [one of claims 2 to 5], in which the operating function of the oscillator circuit (OS) is carried out as an oscillator circuit on the one hand, and as an amplifier circuit on the other, as a function of the circuit state of the input (E) of the oscillator circuit.

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